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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an ~~elongated~~ light source, comprising:

an elongated member ~~having a height, a thickness and a length, the height being substantially greater than the thickness, the elongated member~~ having a first material and a second material and an outer surface, the first material being at least partially transparent and the second material being at least substantially non-transparent, the elongated member further having a cavity extending along at least part of the length of the elongated member for receiving the ~~elongated~~ light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a the first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to ~~an~~ two or more portions of the outer surface of the elongated member, the two or more portions of the outer surface being separated from one another by a separating portion of the outer surface that includes the second material that is at least substantially non-transparent.

2. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the cavity has a maximum lateral dimension, and the height of the elongated member is substantially greater than the maximum lateral dimension of the cavity.

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3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by the second substantially non-transparent material.

5. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the second substantially non-transparent material is at least partially reflective.

6. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first at least partially transparent material is shaped to form a lens at or near the outer surface of elongated member.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~elongated~~ light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

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10. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

11. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus for receiving an elongated light source, comprising:

a monolithic an elongated member including a first material that is at least partially transparent a second material that is at least substantially non-transparent, the monolithic elongated member having a height and a cavity with a maximum lateral dimension, the cavity extending that extends along the length of the elongated member for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity and being at least partially defined by a the first material that is at least partially transparent and which extends to an outer surface of the housing.

12. (Currently Amended) A lighting apparatus adapted for use with a stair or other ledge, comprising:

~~an elongated light source;~~

an elongated member having a cavity with a length for receiving the elongated light source, the cavity being at least partially defined by a first material that is at least partially transparent which extends from the cavity to a first outer surface of the elongated member; and

an elongated light source extending along at least a major length of the cavity, the elongated light source providing a relatively uniform light output along at least a major length of

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the elongated light source.

13. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the elongated member includes a second material that is substantially non-transparent.

14. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the cavity is at least partially defined by the second substantially non-transparent material.

15. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12 wherein the stair or other ledge has a substantially horizontally extending surface which terminates at a ledge, and a downward extending surface that extends from the ledge, the elongated member extending over at least part of the substantially horizontally extending surface.

16. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 15 wherein the elongated member also extends over the ledge, and along at least part of the downward extending surface of the stair or ledge.

17. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the cavity is positioned adjacent the ledge.

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18. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the cavity is positioned adjacent the downward extending surface.

19. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the cavity is positioned adjacent the substantially horizontally extending surface.

20. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the portion of the first material that at least partially defines the cavity extends to two or more separate outer surface regions of the elongated member, wherein the outer surface between the two or more separate regions comprises the second substantially non-transparent material.

21. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.

22. (Original) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.

23. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the light source includes a glow in the dark material.

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24. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the elongated light source is an electro-luminescent wire.
25. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the elongated light source is a linear emitting fiber.
26. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the light source includes an LED.
27. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the light source includes an incandescent light.
28. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the light source includes a glow in the dark material.
29. (New) A method for forming a lighting apparatus that is adapted to receive a light source, the method comprising the steps of:
- coextruding a first material and a second material to form an elongated member having an outer surface and a cavity for receiving the light source, the first material being at least partially transparent and the second material being at least substantially non-transparent, the first material

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forming a light guide from the cavity to two or more portions of the outer surface of the elongated member, wherein the two or more portions of the outer surface are separated from one another by a separating portion of the outer surface that includes the second material that is at least substantially non-transparent.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29 wherein the elongated member includes a substantially horizontally extending portion and a downward extending portion to fit a stair.

31. (New) A lighting apparatus according to claim 11 wherein the first material extends to two or more portions of the outer surface of the elongated member, wherein the two or more portions of the outer surface are separated from one another by a separating portion of the outer surface that includes the second material that is at least substantially non-transparent.